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For: RESPIRATOR HAVING SNAP-FIT FILTER CARTRIDGE

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and 1.97-1.99, the documents listed on the attached Form(s) PTO-1449 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. Copies of all documents are submitted herewith. No translations are provided for documents AM, AO, and AP as none is readily available to Applicant. See MPEP 609A(2). However, an English language abstract is provided for document AM, in place of a translation.

Since the Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the issuance of the first Office Action on the merits or within three months of filing, no fee is required. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 which may be required for consideration of this paper;

or credit and overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-0180. A duplicate copy is attached for this purpose.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(g) and (h), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made, or as an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(b).

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RELEVANCE OF THE DOCUMENTS

Documents AA-AP BA-BI, BL, and BM were made of record during the prosecution of U.S. patent No. 5,353,789, for which reissue is sought. Documents AO, BC, BF, and BH also were cited in the International Search Report and/or Written Opinion issued in connection with International Patent Application PCT/US95/16864 claiming priority from the application which matured into patent No. 5,353,789. Copies of the International Search Report and Written Opinion are also submitted herewith.

CONCLUSION

The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial the space adjacent each document entry on the Form(s) PTO-1449, and to return a copy of the initialled Form(s) PTO-1449 to confirm that the documents have been considered and have been officially made of record in this application.

If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative at the number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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